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re application of

Kanji HATA et al.

Serial No. 09/534,262

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COMPONENT MOUNTING APPARATUS
HAVING COMPONENT SUPPLY TABLES
PROVIDED ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF A
COMPONENT TRANSFER PATH (As Amended)

: Docket No. 2000_0351

Group Art Unit 3729

Examiner R. Chang

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.

RESPONSE UNDER 37.CFR 1.116
EXPENTED PROCEDURE

Sir:

EXAMINING GROUP 3729

In response to the Office Action of April 3, 2001, the period for response having been extended for two months by the attached petition, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 18 as follows (a clean set of all pending claims is presented for the Examiner's convenience):

15. (Twice Amended) A component mounting apparatus comprising:

a pair of component supply tables for accommodating a plurality of components, said component supply tables being arranged on opposite sides of a board mounting position, said component supply tables being supported on casters so as to be

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